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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK-VATICAN RELATIONS

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1. CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT JULY 7 THAT THE SLOVAK CITY OF TRNAVA HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY MADE THE SEAT OF THE NEW CHURCH PROVINCE OF SLOVAKIA UPON READING OF A PAPAL BULL TO THAT EFFECT BY CARDINAL TOMASEK, ARCHBISHOP OF PRAGUE. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO ADJUST DIOCESAN BORDERS TO CONFORM WITH CZECHOSLOVAK STATE BORDERS WAS REACHED BY VATICAN AND GOC IN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY (REF. B). BISHOP GABRIS WILL OCCUPY THE NEW SEE, BUT WE HAVE SEEN NO MENTION SO FAR OF HIS ELEVATION TO ARCHBISHOP.

2. IN COVERSATION WITH CARDINAL TOMASEK JUNE 27, AMBASSADOR LEARNED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP IS NOT PLEASED WITH CURRENT SHARP DOWNWARD TREND IN CHURCH STATE RELATIONS, NOTING AS A PRIME EXAMPLE THE GOC IS ATTEMPTING TO FORCE HIM TO KEEP FRANTISEK HOCHMANN AS EDITOR OF KATOLICKE NOVINY, THE ONLY CATHOLIC WEEKLY IN BOHEMIA. TOMASEK CONSIDERS HOCHMANN COMPROMISING

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THE CHURCH. EMBOFF WHO SPOKE WITH HOCHMANN AT THE SAME RECEPTION FOUND HIM EXTREMELY NERVOUS AND DEFENSIVE ABOUT THE PAPER'S TIMID EDITORIAL LINE. HOCHMANN KEPT ONE EYE ON THE CARDINAL THROUGHOUT THE RECEPTION AND MADE A DEEP OBEISANCE TO HIM BEFORE HE LEFT.
(NOTE: WE ASSUME THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HOCHMANN STAYS OR GOES WILL BE DECIDED IN OTHER QUARTERS.)

3. DECONTROL DECEMBER 31, 1978.
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